

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:)

Rudnick)

Group Art Unit 3623

Filed: December 30, 2000)

Examiner: Tamara L. Graysay

For: Method and System for Providing Direct and Indirect Sales Channels from a Single Point of Purchase

DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.132

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1490
Alexandria, Virginia

Sir:

State of Florida)

S.S.

County of Palm Beach)

The undersigned inventor hereby declares as follows:

1. I am the inventor of the invention claimed in the patent application identified above.

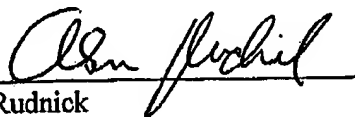
2. I am also the President of netCOMPONENTS, Inc., the assignee of the above-referenced application, and have full knowledge of the netCOMPONENTS online system.

3. The undersigned submits that the netCOMPONENTS-1999 system did not, nor has the netCOMPONENTS system at any time to date had, the feature of allowing a buyer user of the system to select between direct and indirect sales channels.

4. The undersigned respectfully submits that none of the netCOMPONENTS system screen printouts referred to by the examiner in Office Action No. 1 in the above-referenced application disclose any feature allowing the user to select between direct and indirect sales channels.

5. The feature in the netCOMPONENTS system that provides information regarding to whom a seller will sell merchandise does not provide information regarding specific third parties but rather only information regarding categories of purchasers to whom the seller will sell. For example, some merchandise sellers will only sell to original equipment manufacturers, and that is the information that would be provided through the past and current netCOMPONENTS system.

The undersigned inventor hereby declares that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.


Alan Rudnick

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